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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: Sir, that will form part of the Five-Year Plan Development. If there are possibilities in Tiruttani area to start any industry, that will be kept in mind.

SRI S. RANGANATHA MUDALIAR: Sir, may I know why the construction of Taluk Headquarters Hospital has not been taken up even though the hospital was sanctioned a year ago and the site was selected and the owners of the plots have come forward to accept any award that may be passed by the Land Acquisition Tribunal and even though they had permitted the authorities to enter upon the lands to start construction.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: A separate question may be put to my Hon. Colleague, the Minister for Health.

SRI K. VINAYAKAM: Sir, for irrigation facilities this area is mostly dependent upon wells. Would the Government investigate the possibilities of constructing a dam and utilize the water flowing in Kusasthali river which is almost in spate for the major part of the year as the water is now wasted and not utilized for irrigation purposes?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: I am sorry I do not have any information with regard to this river. I do not know whether sufficient water would be available for Tiruttani area.

SRI S. RANGANATHA MUDALIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Works be pleased to state at what stage the investigation for constructing a bridge across Ponnai stands.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: The hon. Member may put a separate question to the Hon. Minister for Works.

Junior Technical Schools

* 2040. *Q.*—SRI V. K. KOTHANDARAMAN (on behalf of Sri M. KALYANASUNDARAM): Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of Junior Technical Schools already opened and the number yet to be opened in 1961;

(*b*) the number of students undergoing training as on 1st July 1961; and

(*c*) the details of training imparted?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: (*a*), (*b*) & (*c*) A statement[a] is placed on the table of the House.

Professional Colleges (Admissions)

* 2041 *Q.*—SRI T. S. RAMASWAMI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of Harijans and Backward Class students selected for the Medical and Engineering Colleges for the last five years in the State;

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[a] Printed as Appendix IV on page 460 infra.